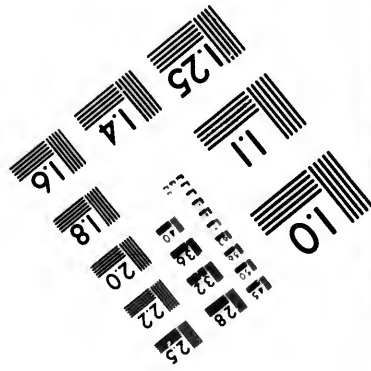
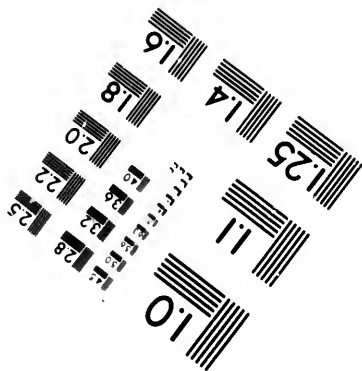
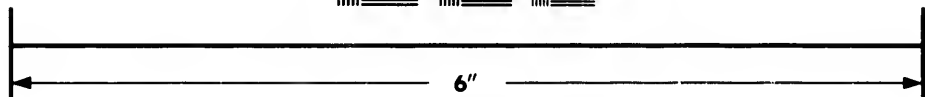
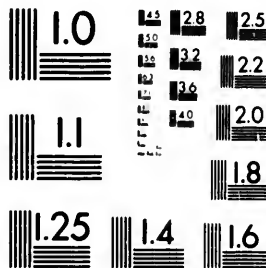


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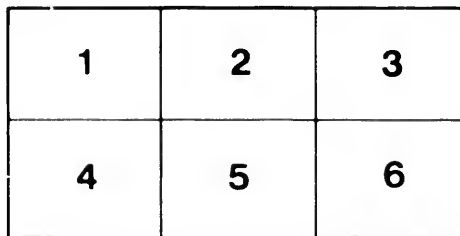
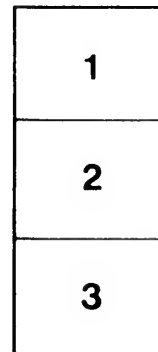
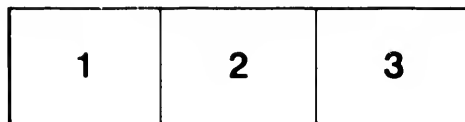
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Further Correspondence respecting the Boundary between the British Possessions in North America and the Territory of Alaska.

PART VI.

No. 1.

*Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received February 14.)*

Sir, *Downing Street, February 13, 1893.*  
WITH reference to your letter of the 26th October last, and to previous correspondence respecting the erection of weirs by United States' fishermen on the "Middle Ground" in Lubeck Narrows, I am directed by the Marquis of Ripon to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Rosebery, a copy of a despatch, with its inclosure, from the Governor-General of Canada, on the subject.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) EDWARD FAIRFIELD.

Inclosure 1 in No. 1.

*Lord Stanley of Preston to the Marquis of Ripon.*

(Confidential.)

My Lord, *Government House, Ottawa, January 20, 1893.*  
WITH reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the action which this Government propose to take in respect of certain weirs erected by United States' fishermen on the "Middle Ground" in Lubeck Narrows, Passamaquoddy Bay, I have the honour to forward copy of an approved Report of the Privy Council, from which it will be observed that, in accordance with the suggestion made in your Lordship's Confidential despatch of the 1st November last, Ministers have decided to refrain for the present from taking active measures to enforce Canadian rights in the waters in question.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) STANLEY OF PRESTON.

Inclosure 2 in No. 1.

*Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by his Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the 13th January, 1893.*

THE Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a Confidential despatch, hereto attached, dated the 1st November, 1892, suggesting that no active measures be taken at present against the owners of certain weirs erected by United States' fishermen on the "Middle Ground" in Lubeck Narrows, Passamaquoddy Bay, beyond

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simply notifying them that their weirs are erected in Canadian waters, and that they may be called upon to remove them.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to whom the despatch was referred, states that, on further consideration, and after advising with the Commissioner appointed by the Canadian Government touching the boundary, he agrees that the subject should remain *in statu quo*.

The Committee advise that your Excellency be moved to inform the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the sense of this Minute.

All which is respectfully submitted, for approval.

(Signed) JOHN J. MCGEE,  
*Clerk of the Privy Council.*

No. 2.

*Foreign Office to Colonial Office.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, March 4, 1893.*

WITH reference to your letter of the 21st December last,\* I am directed by the Earl of Rosebery to transmit herewith a draft of a letter which it is proposed to address to Mr. William Frederick King,† inclosing Her Majesty's Commission to enable him to act as British Commissioner under the provisions of Articles I and II of the Convention signed at Washington on the 22nd July, 1892, for a joint delimitation of the existing boundary-line between the United States and Her Majesty's possessions in North America.

I am to say that Lord Rosebery would be glad to be informed, as soon as convenient, whether the Secretary of State for the Colonies concurs in the terms of the proposed letter to Mr. King.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) T. V. LISTER.

No. 3.

*Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received March 8.)*

Sir,

*Downing Street, March 7, 1893.*

IN reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Marquis of Ripon to acquaint you, for the information of the Earl of Rosebery, that he concurs in the terms of the letter which it is proposed to address to Mr. William F. King as to his duties as British Commissioner under Articles I and II of the Convention signed at Washington on the 22nd July last for a joint delimitation of the existing boundary between the United States and Her Majesty's possessions in North America.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

No. 4.

*Foreign Office to Colonial Office.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, March 8, 1893.*

I AM directed by the Earl of Rosebery to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, concurring in the terms of the letter which it is proposed to address to Mr. William F. King as to his duties as British Commissioner under Articles I and II of the Convention signed at Washington for a joint delimitation of the existing boundary between the United States and Her Majesty's possessions in North America.

I now inclose the letter in question,† and I am to request that it may be forwarded to its destination through the Dominion Government.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) T. V. LISTER.

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† See No. 5.

No. 5.

*The Earl of Rosebery to Mr. King.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, March 8, 1893.*

THE Queen having been graciously pleased to appoint you to be Her Majesty's Commissioner under Articles I and II of the Convention between Her Majesty and the United States of America signed at Washington on the 22nd July last, I transmit to you Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal to enable you to act in that capacity.

You will find in the Convention, of which a copy is inclosed herewith for your guidance, a general indication of your duties, which are to effect, in concert with the Commissioner appointed by the United States, a coincident or joint survey (as may be found in practice most convenient) of the territory adjacent to that part of the boundary-line of the Dominion of Canada and the United States which extends from latitude 54° 40' north to the point where the line meets the 141st meridian of longitude west of Greenwich, with a view to the permanent delimitation of the boundary-line in accordance with the spirit and intention of the Treaties in regard to it.

You are also, in concert with the United States' Commissioner, to determine upon a method of more accurately marking the boundary-line between Canada and the United States in Passamaquoddy Bay, and to place buoys or fix such other boundary-marks as may be necessary.

You will take your instructions from the Government of Canada, to whom you will also address your Reports, and by whom the expenses connected with your mission will be defrayed.

A collection of Confidential Printed Correspondence on the questions connected with the settlement of the frontier is inclosed herewith for your information. You will be careful to keep it under lock and key, and to return it to this Office on the completion of your labours.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ROSEBERY.

